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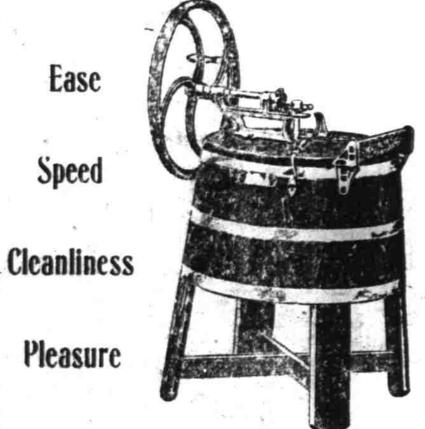
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MANY CONTESTS WERE

Teddy's Wild Charges in

WASHINGTON, July 28.-A statement approved by President Taft de-White House today. It reviews every The Result Was Legal. contest before the Republican Nationa. Committee and the credentials com- on the question whether the Taft delmittee of the convention, and asserts egates appointed by the County Com-

the President's official family.

Each Contest Considered, tion that the Roosevelt contests as

originally filed before the National Committee, were not instituted in

"The total number of delegates summoned to the convention," says the resume, "was 1078, with 540 necessary first and only ballot and was declared the nominee. There were instituted against 238 of the delegates, regularly elected for Taft, contests on behalf of Roosevelt. These contests were avowedly instigated .not for the purpole of really securing seats in the convention; not for the purpose of aducing evidence which would lead any respectable court to entertain the contests, but for the purpose of deceiving the public into the belief that Roosevelt had more votes than he really had, as the conventions and primaries were in progress for the selection of delegates. The 238 contests were reduced by abandonment, formal or in substance, to seventy-four. The very fact of these 164 frivolous contests itself reflects upon the genuiness and La Follette men. The newspapers revalidity of the remainder."

Arguments Are Reviewed. The resume then enumerates the contests and reviews the arguments davit the number to be 6000 out of monina was the cause of his death. in the contests embraced in the White a usual total Republican vote of 75, House statement is certified to by Victor Rosewater, chairman of the Na- Beyond His Power. tional Committee, and Thomas H. Devine, chairman of the credentials com-

The resume of contests for delegates at large and district delegates resolution authorizing him to fill va-

by states includes the following: In the Arizona convention there were ninety-three votes. All the delegates (six in number) were to be selected at large. The counties were entitled to select their delegates through their county committee or by primary In one county, Maricopa, a majority of the committee decided to select its delegates, and a minority to have a primary. In other counties there were some contests and the State committee, following the usage of the National Committee, gave a hearing to all contestants in order to make up the temporary roll. There was a clear majerity of the Taft delegates among the uncontested delegates. The committer made up the temporary roll. There was a clear majority of the Taft delegates among the uncontested delegates. The committee made up the temporary roll, and then there was a bolt, sixty-four remaining in the hall and twenty-five withdrawing therefrom. The case of the Taft majority vas so clear that it is difficult to understand why a contest was made. Question From California.

"The Fourth Congressional District of California presented this question: Under the State law, the delegation. two from each district, was elected on a general ticket in a group of twentysix. Each deiegate might either exness his presidential proference c agree to vote for the Presidential candidate receiving the highest number in the State. In the Fourth district on the Taft ticket expressed a preference for Taft, but did not agree to charge, the report said: vote for the candidates having the a majority of 200 more than the Roosevelt delegates in that district. The acceptance of any law which prevented the election of delegates by districts. In other words ,the call of the National Committee was at variance

with the State law. The State law sought to enforce the whole twenty-six delegates to be voted for all over the State, assigning two to each district on the ticket the Republican National Convention time, it was granted. has insisted upon the unit of the dis !

trict since 1880.

the Fourth district a vote larger than White House statement said:

tional convention. The fact that President Taft, by telegram, approved "FAKED" ON PURPOSE all the twenty-six delegates as representing him is said to be an estoppel Lengthy Statement Disproves against his claiming the election of two of these delegates in their Fourth district. What is there inconsistent in his approving the candidacy of all his delegates and the election of two of them? Why should he be thus estopped to claim that part of the fending his nomination by the Chicago law was inoperative because in conconvention was made public at the flict with the call of the convention?

that each contest was settled logically mittee in King county, in which Seupon its merits. The statement was attle is situated, were duly elected to submitted to the Cabinet at a recent | the convention, or whether a primary, meeting and received the approval of which was subsequently held, and at which Roosevelt delegates were elect-The statement, which is a lengthy ed, was properly called, so that its redocument of 144 printed pages, is a suft was legal. Under the law the detailed denial of the charge that the County Committee had the power to case. renomination of President Taft was decide whether it would select the delaccomplished by the seating of fraudu- egates directly or should call a prilently elected delegates to the conven- mary. In some counties of the tion. It takes up individually the 238 State one course was pursued, and in contests instituted by the Roosevelt other counties the other. In King decision of the national committee, forces against Taft delegates who county the convention consisted of were seated and presents evidence 250 men, the majority of whom were than two-thirds. This statement of in each of these cases to show that for Taft, and that majority acting facts, indorsed by forty members of the Taft delegates were regularly through its executive committee, se the committee, who listened patiently lected the Taft delegates to the State through all day and all night sessions convention. Meantime, the City to evidence and argument in order to A resume of the statement prepared Council of Seattle had redistricted be able to judge cases intelligently by Charles D. Hilles, formerly Presi- the city. It before had 250 precincts. and pass upon them honestly, should dent Taft's secretary and now chair. Now, substantially, the same terri- be a sufficient answer to the reckless, man of the Republican National Com- tory was divided up into 381 pre- unwarranted and untruthful assertions mittee, takes up each contest briefly. cincts. The chaiman of the County contained in the statement signed by This resume opens with the declara- Committee was a Roosevelt man. He eleven members of the committee, two had been given authority by general of whom did not attend sessions of the resolution to fill vacancies occurring committee, did not hear any of the in the committee. A general meet- evidence presented, and nearly all of ing of the committee had been held whom indicated their bias by voting in after the City Council had directed every case for the delegates known the redistricting of the city, in which to be favorable to Mr. Roosevelt, in it was resolved, the chairman not dis- cluding numerous cases in which the senting, that representatives could action of the national committee had not be selected to fill the 381 new been unanimous for the Taft deleprecincts until an election was held gates." in September, 1912. Thereafter, and in spite of his conclusion, the chair- ried the majority and minority reports man assumed the right by his ap- of the credentials committee on each pointment to add to the existing com- of the contests. mittee 131 precinct committeemen, and, with these voting in the committee, it is claimed that a primary was ordered. There was so much confusion in the meeting that this is doubtful. However, the fact is that the Taft men protested against action bya committee so constituted, on the ground that the chairman had no authority to appoint the 131 new committeemen. They refused to take

The action of the chairman of the committee in attempting to add 131 precinct men to the old committee was, of course, beyond his power. The cancies, of course, applied only to those places which became vacant after they had been filled, and clearly did not apply to 131 new precincts. On January 25, 1870 he was married It could not, in the nature of things, to Miss ida Sloan and in 1871, with apply to a change from the old sys his wife, moved to Kansas City, Mo., tem to a complete new system of pre- where he was engaged in business for cincts created by the City Council, twenty years. becaue, if they were to be filled, the lawyer will say that such action by number of years. the committee thus constituted Mr. Weedon has always taken ac could be recognized as valid." Delegates Chosen Too Late.

part in the primary, and so did the

ries in detail the vote in the national No date as yet has been set for the committee on each of the contests and funeral. a statement of the dates of the Taft and Roosevelt conventions in contested States. The object of the latter is to show that the Roosevelt delegates to show that the Roosevelt delegates were chosen after the regular conventions had named Taft representa-

Another appendix is the report of the credentials committee of the convention, in which the statement issued by the Roosevelt committeemen attacking the majority of the committee was answered. In discussing the

"The statement as a whole in its inwas intended to convey the impression sonally. national call firbade any law or the that the time for hearing cases was so Mr. Fisher made a reservation to

The statement of the Roosevelt members of the committee asserted "That has been the party law. This that the speed with which the creden-

ports were thus made.' Argued Fifteen Days.

In concluding, the majority of the credentials committee, defending its decisions, said:

"As to the merits of these contested cases upon which the committee passed, it should be remembered that the national committee sat for fifteen days hearing evidence and argument upon them. Out of a total membership of fifty-three, only thirteen members of that committee objected to the findings and decisions, and they only with regard to a part of the cases, the action of the committee having been unanimous with regard to a majority of them. The convention declined, by a substantial majority, to reverse the action of the national committee, and it referred the contested cases to the "The contest in Washington turned committee on credentials. When our committee met, rules were adopted by unanimous vote. No one desiring to make complaint as to the seating of any delegate was prevented from presenting his case. The committee even considered cases which had been decided by a unanimous vote of the national committee, notably the Indiana

> "The committee on credentials of the Republican national convention consists of fifty-three members. The committee in every case sustained the and in no case by majorities of less

As appendices the statement car-

treasurer of the Hawaiian Fiber Comported the number of votes in the pri- pany and one of the oldest residents mary to be something over 3000. The of the city, died yesterday noon after Roosevelt committee showed by affi. an illness of a week's duration Pneu-

Mr. Weedon who has taken a leading part during late years in the development of the Sisal industry was one of the oldest and best known business men in the city. Besides his interest in the Hawaiian Fiber Company, he carried on a real estate and insurance business and has done extensive work for the Hawaiian Promotion committee.

He was born in Middlesex, England in 1848 and in 1865 came to Honolulu.

They returned to Hawaii in time for entire number of 381 new precincts Mr. Weedon to take an active part in different from the old must be filled. the revolution of 1893 when he served One system could not be made into in the National guard as assistant the other by a mere additional ap-quartermaster. He was a member of pointment of 131 committeemen. No the Volunteer Fire Department for a

was legal. Therefore, the act tive part in religious work. He was tion which the lawfu: committee of an elder of the Christion Church, su-250 took in selecting Taft delegates, perintendent of the Sunday-school and who made a majority in the State was a charter member and at one convention, was the only one which time president of the Young Mens

Christian Association. He is survived by his widow and As an appendix, the statement car- one daughter, Mrs. Alexander G. Horn.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29. -Secretary Fisher has been trying to get off to Hawaii for some time to investigate the fight over the governorship of that territory. Gov. Frear's for and against his renomination has ports, Announcements, etc. been going on ever since. His friends and enemies have both been active. The president has held off from ac- 78 Merchant Street. tion until he could get a clear knowlhighest State vote. These Taft dele sinuations of combination of unwerthy edge of the facts from first-hand gates in the Fourth district received motive, in its recital of alleged facts, sources. He asked Secretary Fisher is grossly and maliciously untrue. It to investigate the whole situation per-

limited as to prevent their being prop- sail on the boat leaving San Francisco erly presented to the committee. The August 10, but has come to the conuntruthfulness of this statement is clusion that he will not be able to get clearly shown by the records of the away from here at that time owing to committee and the newspaper reports the presence of Congress, and has of its deliberations. Not only did the made another reservation for August State unit rule, and required the rules make liberal provision for time 23. The secretary feels that he ought in presenting the cases, but in every to stay in Washington while congress instance of which the parties present is here. He hopes, though, that Coning the cases, or any member of the gress will adjourn in time to permit to abide the state-wide election, while committee, asked for an extension of him to go to Hawaii on the 23rd. -Evening Star.

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